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In re Application of:

Roy Flaker (Deceased) et al.

Serial No.: 09/588,351

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For: CIRCUITS AND METHODS

TO IMPROVE THE

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**DEVICES** 

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